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## Corps applies for State grant, requests funds for offroad motor vehicle campsite at Dworshak Reservoir

**Orofino, Idaho** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir is applying for a 2005 grant from the Idaho Parks and Recreation Department. The purpose of the grant is to request funds for a bathroom, picnic tables and campfire rings for a new off-road motor vehicle (ORMV) campsite.

This multiple-user campsite at the old log dump area at Little Meadow Creek would be located just downstream from the Grandad Bridge at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir. It will contain up to 10 individual camp locations and be limited to four-wheeler, off-highway vehicles or smaller, as well as boat access to the site.

"The proposed campsite will provide ORMV users a camping and meeting place with access to the reservoir via a designated ORMV trail from Silver Creek Road," according to Rich Mucci, Park Ranger at Dworshak. The proposed campsite and its designated trail should help meet increased public demand for ORMV access to the reservoir.

If the grant is approved, Dworshak Natural Resource staff will purchase and install the necessary camp ground amenities. Work would be completed by the end of the 2005 camping season. P.L.A.Y., the Public Land Access Year round ORMV user group, has agreed to partner with the Corps in site design, construction and use monitoring.

Questions and comments should be sent to Natural Resources Office, Dworshak Dam and Reservoir, P.O. Box 48, Ahsahka, Idaho 83520. For more information, call (208) 476-1261.

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